



of the field and pieced together to form a wall. Over the years the walls would become quite substantial. The story goes that a high, well built stone wall was a sure sign of a prosperous farm

Mile 14.2> The low cliffs of sandstone are part of a geological formation approximately 360 million years old called the Hampshire formation. This formation of shale and sandstone is noted for its red color.

Mile 15.5> Near the trail is an old saw dust pile well worth seeing. The erosive action of wind and rain have formed the sawdust into numerous spires. The abundant signs of deer around the pile also suggests that deer may use the pile as a “lick”.



Don't Forget

- ◆ Your favorite field guides
- ◆ Drinking water
- ◆ Compass
- ◆ Whistle
- ◆ Binoculars
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ First Aid Kit
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Rain Gear

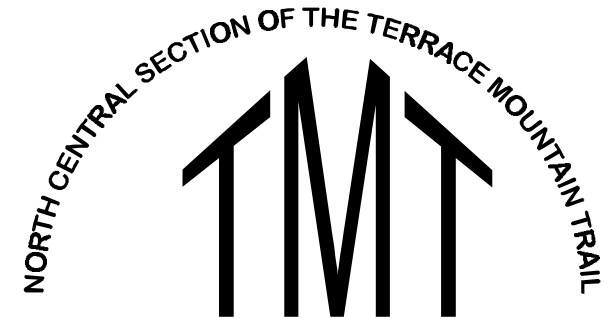
Trail Guidelines & Helpful Hints

- ◆ Camp only at designated areas.
- ◆ Camping facilities available at Trough Creek State Park.
- ◆ Build fires only in grills and fire places provided at the camping areas
- ◆ Collect only dead, down wood for fires.
- ◆ Hunting and fishing are permitted, except in camping or picnic areas, in accordance with state regulations.
- ◆ Carry all refuse with you until it can be disposed of properly in refuse containers.
- ◆ Only authorized vehicles are permitted on Terrace Mountain Trail. All other vehicles, including four-wheelers and snowmobiles, are prohibited.
- ◆ Please appreciate and observe plants and animals without disturbing them or removing them from their environment.

Before Leaving for Your Hike:

Leave a hike plan with someone at home and call the ranger station before you depart. Following this procedure ensures your safety. Should you not return to your car as planned, rangers will know when and where to start looking for you. The ranger office is located in the Seven Points recreation area and can be reached by telephoning (814)658-3405. Camping information at Trough Creek State Park can be obtained by calling (814)658-3847.

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Trail Location & Condition

To access the trail follow Trough Creek Drive in Trough Creek State Park until it dead-ends at a white gate. From here the trail heads north utilizing old logging roads interconnected with several sections of hand dug trail. The condition of this section is generally good. The trail comes to an end when it intersects John Bum Road in Rothrock State Forest. A parking lot is provided at this location.

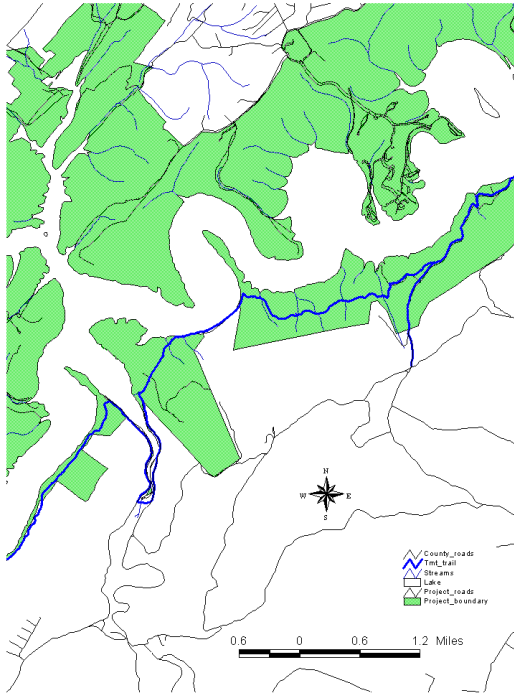


Did You Know?

Mile 12.3> On a hot summer day, find relief from the heat by visiting the Ice Mine where ice is usually present until August. Even after the ice has melted, walking into the mine on a hot day is like entering a refrigerator. Cold winter temperatures cool the rock mass of the hillside above the mine causing cold air from these rocks to flow down into the mine well into summer. In spring, melting snow water enters the mine opening and freezes as it meets the flow of cold air. The warmer air of spring and summer condenses when it meets the cold air of the mine and the resulting condensation freezes to form more ice.

Mile 12> Rock outcroppings are primarily sandstone of the Pocono formation. This geological formation is approximately 340 million years old, forming in an age when

Trail Map



much of the earth was covered with lush vegetation. Most of our nation's coal formed in the same era. Thin layers of coal are present in the cliffs of Trough Creek Valley. Close examination may reveal some of these layers.

Mile 12.7> For a period of six years, beginning in 1913, the fifteen mile Juniata and Southern Railroad operated between the villages of Aitch and Jacobs. The line was first used as a logging railroad to carry timber out of the Trough Creek Valley but later the J&S carried some of the coal from the mine at Jacobs. The J&S was a standard gauge railroad connecting with the Huntingdon & Broad Top Railroad. In Huntingdon most of the timber, pulpwood and bark was transferred to the Pennsylvania Railroad and finally carried on to Lock Haven. During this period, excursion trains carrying picnickers left Huntingdon for the "Paradise Furnace". Today, the villages of Aitch and Jacobs are no longer in existence. Jacobs was abandoned in the 1920's, when the coal seam disappeared. A portion of the town of Aitch is now under water near the present Aitch Access Area. A part of the Juniata and Southern line survives now as the Trough Creek Drive. Between the Ice Mine and this turnoff, the Terrace Mountain Trail retraces a section of the old railroad line.

Mile 13.4> The stone wall is proof that a farm once existed here. At every spring planting, farmers would remove numerous rocks which their plow would turn up. These rocks would be hauled to the edge